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be combined, on the Treasurer's books, with the budget for general purposes of the Association, and that in future all receipts be credited to a single fund and all appropriations be charged against this fund.

*Voted unanimously*, That the Secretary be directed to spread upon the minutes of this meeting and transmit to the Recorder an expression of the sincere regret which is felt by every one of her colleagues on the Executive Board at her enforced absence from this meeting and her own work; to assure her of their hearty pleasure at the hopeful news of rapid recovery, with its promise of speedy resumption of her duties in connection with the Library Journal and with this Board, and to convey to her a very cordial appreciation of the value and faithfulness of her long service to the American Library Association.

#### JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION EXHIBIT

On request of the Committee on Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, the Executive Board authorized the appointment of a co-operating committee consisting of the superintendents of children's work in the New York, Brooklyn and Cleveland Public Libraries and in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, to assist in the collection and installation of the Model Children's Room.

J. I. WYER, JR.,

*Secretary*

#### Membership

It is customary for the Treasurer at the annual conference to include in his report a statement of membership in the Association on the last day of the preceding year. The following table covers the actual paid membership on Dec. 31, 1906, and a comparative statement showing its growth during that year:

	Year ending Dec. 31, 1905	Year ending Dec. 31, 1906
Honorary members . . .	9	8
Perpetual member . . .	1	1
Life fellows . . .	2	2
Life members . . .	45	55
Annual members . . .	1,162	1,696
Library members . . .	34	82
	<hr/> 1,253	<hr/> 1,844

These figures show a gain in membership of 591 during the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1906. Particular attention is directed to the large increase in library membership during that period.

While our added membership is very gratifying, it should but serve as a stimulus to each member of the Association to that personal effort which shall secure a still further increase, to the end that the Treasurer may announce in January, 1908, that the Association has a membership consisting of not less than 3,000 annual members and of not less than 250 library members.

#### Will you help?

This can easily be accomplished if each present member, *retaining* his own membership in the Association, will but assume the obligation of securing one additional member. There is not a single one of us but has one friend at least who would gladly join our ranks if earnestly approached. Again, it is safe to say that a large majority of the libraries represented in the membership of the A. L. A. could be easily induced to become annual subscribing members if only the librarians would but place the matter before their trustees in the proper light and with enthusiasm.

#### Annual Bills

It has been the custom to send bills on the first of January covering the annual dues. This has not been done this year because the administration, desiring to materially reduce the annual outlay for postage, has determined to ask the members to help them in making the experiment successful. The expense incurred each year in reaching our members in connection with the annual bills, the preparation for the annual conference and other matters has grown to a large sum. It is proposed to use the pages of this Bulletin for all such announcements, and the members are asked to give their hearty cooperation in carrying out the plan as above outlined. Let each of us, recognizing the earnestness of our executive officers in their desire to increase the mem-

bership and influence of the A. L. A., and mindful of their efforts to keep the expenses of the Association as small as possible, obligate himself to do the little herein asked for an organization of which we are all justly proud and which we wish to see go forward along lines of even greater usefulness than those which have heretofore served to establish the public library as the twin brother of the public school in our great scheme of national education.

Please remit *at once*. If an individual, \$2.00. If a library, \$5.00. In doing so be good enough to remember that we want you to send postal order or draft on either New York or Boston; this because the Treasurer will be obliged in a majority of cases to pay collection charges if you send a check on your local bank. Make remittance payable to the American Library Association and send to 34 Newbury Street, Boston. To collect our annual dues in the manner above proposed will save the Association \$60.00. It will add nothing whatever of burden to the individual. The executive officers have faith to believe that you will give them this help.

#### Addresses

Members must remember to inform headquarters at once of any change in their address. Headquarters cannot be held responsible when literature, mailed to the last address given by the member, is not forwarded to some new address of which those in charge have not been informed. The only source on which it is at all safe for these offices to depend is the member himself. In sending your remittance, therefore, will you not accompany it with your full name, position in library, if so employed, and the address which you wish these offices to use until such time as it is changed over your own signature. Kindly help headquarters in this particular also.

#### Bulletin

The next edition of the Bulletin will be based on the actual paid membership, so that

it is for your interest to give early attention to this notice, especially if you wish to preserve files of a publication, which it is hoped will meet the approval of and be of service to members.

#### Headquarters Committee

For two years past the A. L. A. Council has considered opening headquarters in charge of some one who would devote his whole time to the details of Association business, which are getting beyond the possibilities of volunteer work. To assist the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees, the Publishing Board, the standing committees and the special committees appointed from year to year; to keep the National Association in touch with state commissions and local library clubs; to serve as information bureau for members, — a permanent staff and place of business are more and more needed every year. After the Council had become convinced of this need, there was still difference of opinion as to methods, and doubt as to financing such a development. At the last conference the question was left to the Executive Board, with powers.

The attempt to secure funds for two years' expenses of headquarters was only partially successful. Boston, Brooklyn, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg contributed, but other library centers from which aid was expected failed to respond. The original plan had been to open headquarters in New York as the most accessible center; but the funds raised were entirely inadequate for metropolitan expenses. The question arose whether to abandon the plan and return the money contributed, or to try the experiment elsewhere. Finding that quarters within our means could be secured in Boston and that the money in hand and definitely promised would provide for one year's support, the Executive Board decided to try the experiment there, placing Mr. E. C. Hovey in charge, trusting that a demonstration of the usefulness of headquarters work would bring further subscriptions, and that ways and